

REMARKS

An Office Action, dated July 14, 2003 allows claims 4-8 and 16-20, and rejects claims 9,10, 13-15 and 21-31. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks:

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102(e)

Applicants respectfully traverse the examiner's rejection of claims 9, 10, 13-15 and 21-31 as being anticipated by Swanson et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,646,665) under 35 USC § 102(e).

Claims 10, 15 & 26-31(Visually Distinguishable Cover)

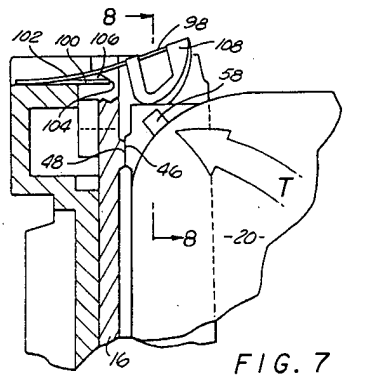
Applicants respectfully traverse the examiner's comment that Fig. 4 of Swanson somehow shows a cover having "a visually distinguishable color from the color of said mount" because this figure somehow shows these structures having "different shades of color." (Examiner's July 14, 2003 Office Action, page 4, lines 3-4). As explained more fully in the specification of the present application, the cover having a visually distinguishable color allows a user to easily see it when attempting to install a printer component. This feature facilitates installation of the printer component.

Applicants maintain that no such color differences are discernable from Fig. 4 of Swanson et al. Rather, the only "shading" provided in Fig. 4 of Swanson et al. denotes cross-sections of the various structures. To the extent any color differences can be determined by patent figures alone, Fig. 6 of Swanson et. al. best shows the structures at issue in an isometric format with no color differences between these structures being discernable.

Claims 10 & 15 specifically require the cover to be "a visually distinguishable color from the color of said mount." Since this element is missing from Swanson et al., it cannot anticipate these claims, and they should be allowable. Moreover, since dependant claims 26-31 depend on one of these allowable claims 10 or 15, they too should be in condition for allowance.

Claim 9 & 21-25 (Cover Pivot Point)

Applicants respectfully traverse the examiner's comment that Fig. 7 of Swanson et. al. discloses a "cover" that is "pivotally secured to said mount a pivot point and able to deflect slightly out of the cover's engaged position." (Examiner's July 14, 2003 Office Action, page 3, line 20) (emphasis added).



U.S. Pat. No. 5,646,665 to Swanson et al. (Fig. 7).

Applicants maintain that Fig. 7 of Swanson et al. shows no such “cover pivot point” as those terms are used and described in the present application. Rather, even if the “latch end” 98 of the “cam” 108 in Swanson et al. were somehow interpreted to be a “cover” as described in the present application, the cam 108 is not “pivotally secured” to a base at a “pivot point.” Rather, Fig. 7 of Swanson et al., shows the cam 108 in Swanson bending, rather than pivoting, out of the way.

Since this element is missing from Swanson et al., it cannot anticipate claim 9, and therefore claim 9 should be allowed. Moreover, since dependent claims 21-25 depend on allowable claim 9, they too should be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that all of the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that this amendment be entered and the case passed to issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

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